

Sunday 12th April 2020

EASTER DAY/ Year A

Sun 12th 10.00 am Parishioners

2nd day of Easter Octave

Mon 13th 6.30 pm Colette Foster

3rd day of Easter Octave

Tue 14th 6.30 pm Maureen Matthews

4th day of Easter Octave

Wed 15th 6.30 pm Edward Davis

5th day of Easter Octave

Thur 16th 6.30 pm Craig

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'

6th day of Easter Octave

Fri 17th 6.30 pm Margaret McKenna

7th day of Easter Octave

Sat 18th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

8th day- OCTAVE DAY/ Year A

Sun 19th 10.00 am Parishioners

Lately Died: Fred Brandwood, Elizabeth Skarretts,
David Pennington Antony McGuinness

Mass Intentions received: Hines Family; Anthony McGuinness; Paula

- Let us pray for all those who have recently died.
- for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed
- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead
- for the empty place at the table; a candle lit, prayer before our meal
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

EASTER OCTAVE Choices still to consider making:

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present-in the Tabernacle,

Pray at home and join your prayers with Jesus, also in your heart

I light candles regularly each day in Church for all your intentions from
8.30 am until 7pm, join your prayers with mine

I will still walk and pray the 'Stations of the Cross',

7pm Thursday in Church, - join me in prayer at home.

We pray for our young parishioners who have worked so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this year. All Saints Catholic High School continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created & @ home.

All Saints Catholic High, and both St Joseph and St Laurence's Primary schools each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life. Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too, even now at home.

Our HOME-CHURCH-SCHOOL links, each support and build up the parish family, as we recognise and celebrate being part of something bigger; the visible Body of Christ; the gathered community; this is what CHURCH is really all about- we are the People of God- mainly lay people, with religious, the deacons, priests, bishops, altogether across our archdiocese of Liverpool- making up part of the world-wide family of the Church, gathered by God the Father, under His Son, the Word of God and with the Holy Spirit and with the Pope; even now in our homes.

'The Angelus' Prayer. (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary....)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary....)

And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary....)

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

More information about the Catholic faith is available on-line.

Archdiocese website liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See
cafod.org.uk or Catholic Pictorial

St Joseph the Worker Primary School, or St Laurence's Primary School,
The Parish Newsletters can be found on the school websites each week.
under 'Our Catholic Life' or 'Our Faith' sections

Lourdes Pilgrimage September 2020-HOPE-FULLY!

Luxury Coach Kirkby-Dover Ferry- B&B hotel in Calais.

Calais - Nevers Convent, ½ board overnight.

Nevers – Lourdes - Five nights full board in Lourdes and return, with two overnight B&B hotel stops in France.

£650 per person sharing, (Or +Single Supplement)

In recent class Masses with our children from school, we reminded each other that ‘CHURCH’ is not the *building*, but Church is the *people* who live with faith each day in the community, loving God, our neighbour and ourselves. Let the children remind us about what is truly important.

In these most unusual times, the Church building will NOT be open even for private prayer and lighting candles, NOW it is STAY at Home and keeping safe ‘social distancing’ to slow the spread of any infection and break the chain to other people and so save the NHS and save lives.

I will be celebrating Mass ON MY OWN in Church, but I invite those who can, to join me in prayer from their homes, as we offer together our prayers to God, with the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary at the altar. United in prayer, we receive communion in our hearts, even when not on our tongue or our hands.

I will be celebrating Mass each evening at 6.30pm Mon to Fri & then 10 am on Saturday and Sunday, as indicated over the page

I have made a second(!) temporary repair to our Church bell and recommenced ringing the bell each day at **12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day**. At these times I invite everyone at home to pray the ‘Angelus’ prayer, printed over the page, which follows the recent Feast of the Annunciation that reminded us of the Angel’s Prayer to Mary, then the Hail Mary prayer of St Elizabeth and indeed the added prayer of life and death During the day *consider praying the ‘Rosary’*, the life of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. 1 X ‘Our Father’ and 10 X ‘Hail Marys’, 1X‘Glory be’ for each of the 5 mysteries Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious...Carefully and safely I place a candle in the window of the Presbytery house to show Christ our Light into the darkness of the streets: **NOW from 9pm** each evening. ‘Clap and cheer for the Carers’, Thursday evenings at 8pm, (join me at your front door or window). We join our prayers with Mary and the first disciples, in their locked Upper Room, as they waited not knowing what might happen next in their lives. **We know** the end of that story; three days in the Tomb was followed by Easter Hope; Jesus is Risen, as the sun rose in the East...and the Risen Lord started to appear to his disciples over the next eight days and the forty days after....’quarantine’, before they freely go out into the city streets to proclaim this Good News!

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Now in 2020’s Gregorian calendar, Easter Day, the first Sunday after the Full Moon of Spring. This roughly follows the Jewish calendar and eight days for the Feast of Passover, also celebrated during the Christian Triduum and now Easter Week, though both these calendars can diverge each year. But this year, Full Moon, Wednesday gone, the vigil and Jewish Passover began that night; Thursday gone the Lord’s Passover Meal; Friday His Sacrifice; Saturday the silence of the Tomb and Easter/Pasch-al New Life...early in the morning on the third day in the Tomb, Saturday night/ Sunday, before the Sun rose in the East...Risen Lord!

Now a Christian eight-day feast continues, like for the Jewish Feasts, eight days as if one day, the events of the week unfold in the New Testament scriptures. If we don’t understand the Jewish roots of Jesus, we cannot come to understand the depths of the Christian faith; we need time to absorb the enormity of the story. For many at this time we are still stuck at the Good Friday Cross- even now we cannot jump to Easter Joy, but that day is coming ; our Christian Hope in the Risen Lord will carry us in the meantime, until we can freely go out into the city to proclaim this Good News, with Joy.

FR SEAN

*Can I also encourage people at home to find and read from the Old Testament of the Bible, from the book of **EXODUS**; this re-tells the story of the Jewish slaves of Egypt and their first Passover Feast, their camps of family tents and journey in the desert and the Tent of Meeting ,where Moses & God speak, whilst the people stood at the door of their family tents at the same time; their prayers to God united with Moses’. For Christians, Jesus is the New Moses **and more than that He is God-made-Flesh-and-Blood and He is the Sacrifice, whose Blood is shed to take away the sins of the People and who removes the veil of the Temple Tent of Meeting, & all that separates us and brings us in truth and fact face-to-face with God the Father, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Those we can see and those we cannot see, all joined in Jesus, through the Spirit, with our loving heavenly Father and with each other***